Terrorist attacks in J&K

†4809. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fatal attacks make by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months alongwith the place of such attacks;

(b) the number of Armed Forces personnel and innocent people killed in these attacks alongwith the number of terrorists shot dead by the personnel; and

(c) the details of the *ex-gratia* payments made and other assistance provided to each of the families of personnel killed ?

THEMINISTEROFDEFENCE(SHRIGEORGEFERNANDES): (a)There have been 487 terroriest attacks during 1 st November, 2002 to 28th April, 2003. These attacks have predominantly occurred in the Kashmir valley with incidents of violence in Jammu division also.

(b) During the periodfrom 1-11-2002 to 28-4-2003, the Army and Rashtriya Rifles have shot dead 570 terrorists, and 72 Army personnel lost their lives The number of civilians killed in J&K during the period 1-10-2002 to 31-3-2003 was 407.

(c) A comprehensive welfare package has been worked out and implemented for next of kin of the Army personnel killed in operations. This includes *ex-gratia* payment, Liberalised Pensionary Awards, other benefits from Central and State Governments and Army Central Welfare Fund (ACWF), etc.

Dues for deployment of armed forces for internal security

4810. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred since 1998 on deployments of the Defence Forces for internal security duties in aid to civil authority;

(b) whether such expenditure has heen reimbursed to the Defence exchequer by the State/Central Governments or other agencies concerned;

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(c) if so. the amounts so reimbursed, operation-wise and year-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the action taken by Government to recover/reimburse these amounts to the Defence exchequer ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) An expenditure of about Rs. 448.66 lakhs has been incurred by the Army Headquarters since 1998 towards the employment of Army for maintenance of Law and Order, when so requisitioned by various State Governments.

(b) to (e) According to the Government guidelines, all expenditure on the employment of Armed Forces for the maintenance of Law and Order will be borne by the Central Government, but the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations may contribute towards the cost, if they wish to do so.

Prevention of civilian sportsmen from practising on play grounds of defence cantonment areas

4811. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the defence authorities are preventing civilian sportsmen from practising on the play grounds of defence cantonment areas in several parts of India and specially in Andhra Pradesh at Lai Bazaar (Trimulgherry) of Secunderabad cantonment and other places of Secunderabad cantonment; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OFDEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a)and(b) Play grounds of civil areas maintained by Cantonment Boards, including Secunderabad, are meant for the public use and there is no question of preventing sportsmen practising in these play grounds. Play grounds, including those in Secunderabad Cantonment, located on A-1 Defence Land, are meant for exclusive use by the Army and its use for non-military purposes is not permitted as per prevailing Defence Land Policy. However, permission to use play grounds of Secunderabad Cantonment by civilians is accorded on specific requests when the ground is not in use by the army.